policy laid down by Government that frequent transfers of village officers in short vacancies should be deprecated and in consideration of efficiency.

161. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether Rama Panikkar, the present acting Parvatiam of Kaiparamba Group Villages of Trichur Taluk, has ever been the clerk of the Kaiparamba Group Village Panchayat;

(2) if so, whether there had been any complaints against him as Panchayat clerk;

(3) if the answer to (2) above is in the affirmative, what were the complaints ;

(4) whether the complaints were enquired into, and if so, what was the result of the enquiry ;

(5) how and when the said Rama Panikkar severed his connection with the Panchayat ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The complaint was that Rama Panikkar forged the signature of the then President of the Panchayat.

(4) The complaint was duly enquired into with the result that Rama Panikkar was found to be blameless.

(5) He was relieved of his duties as Panchayat clerk on his own request on 15th Mithunam 1100.

162. Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam.—Will the Government be pleased to state if and why the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats took objection when one Raman Changarath Rama Panikkar, the then Village Menon of Avanoor Group Villages, began to discharge the duties of the Panchayat clerk of the Group Panchayats as his predecessors were doing ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Yes; because his behaviour while he was the clerk of the Kaiparamba Panchayat Office was very unsatisfactory.

Canal from Coonnoolly canal to Vettikadavu.

163. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government for opening a canal from the Coonnoolly canal to Vettikadavu and whether correspondence regarding this matter will be placed on the Table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of the proposed canal is under investigation by P. W. D. As a major portion of the alignment of the canal passes through British territory, the Madras Government has to be addressed on the completion of the investigation. And, as it stands, no public

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